

REMARKS

This Amendment is a full and timely response to the Restriction Requirement mailed on June 14, 2004. Reexamination and reconsideration are respectfully requested.

In response to the Election Requirement, the Applicant, through its representatives and attorneys, hereby elects with traverse the claims of Group I, having claims 1 to 11 as here presented. The Applicant has withdrawn the claims of Group II and III, i.e. claims 12 to 20 and 21 to 27 without prejudice or disclaimer, but preserving their right to presentation in a divisional application is so elected.

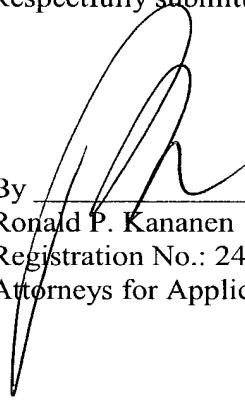
This traverse is based on the fact that the subject application is based on and emanates from an International Application. As such, the unity of invention standard should have been applied and is appropriate.

Early examination on the merits of this application is respectfully requested. It should be noted that an IDS was filed on June 17, 2004 after the date of the initial Action. If necessary, the deposit account of the undersigned, Deposit Account 18-0013, may be charged for any fees

associated with that IDS. It is considered to be timely in that it was provided before a first action on the merits of the application.

Respectfully submitted,

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